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title: Problems faced by coconut growing farmers in the country.

SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA (TUMKUR): Thank you very much, Sir, for the opportunity given.

I would like to draw the kind attention of the Union Government towards the problem being faced by the coconut growing farmers by paying the crop insurance premium under the weather-based Crop Insurance Scheme. A very unscientific method is being followed in this regard. The insurance amount for one hectare of coconut plantation is Rs.57,500. Five per cent of this amount, which comes to Rs.2,875, has to be paid by the farmers. The Government of India pays only Rs.868 and the respective State Governments pay Rs.868. The total amount to be paid per hectare is Rs.4,612. In the agriculture sector it is only 2 per cent but for the coconut sector it is almost 8.2 per cent. Therefore, I urge upon the Government of India to take steps to rectify it.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Shri D.K. Suresh is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri S.P. Muddahanume Gowda.

The House stands adjourned to meet again at 1430 hours.

13.35 hours

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Thirty Minutes past Fourteen

of the Clock.